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1. **CHINA: Stuart not to visit Peiping**--The Department of State has instructed US Ambassador Stuart that he is not under any circumstances to accept the veiled invitation received on 29 June from Communist leaders Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai to confer with them at Peiping. The Department indicates that the principal reasons for this negative decision are that Stuart's acceptance would: (a) constitute a second step toward recognition of the Communist regime; (b) possibly embarrass the Department of State both in China and the US; and (c) cause other western nations to feel the US has broken the diplomatic front concerning China.

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